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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The foregoing documents came to Applicants attention during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

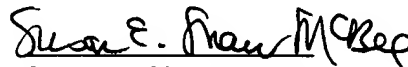
English translations of the German documents are not readily available; however, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP §609). Abstracts have been supplied where available.

The listed document are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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